

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 4 are amended by the present Amendment, which is submitted with a Request for Continued Examination.

Further, new claims 11-13 are added. No new matter is presented.

Claims 1-3 and 5-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Nakayama in view of Takiguchi. Further, claims 4 and 10 were objected to for depending from a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 1 defines a circuitry assembly comprising, *inter alia*, a plurality of first electric wires, forming a first wire group; a plurality of second electric wires, intersecting the first electric wires, while forming a second wire group; a first insulative sheet, disposed between the first wire group and the second wire group; and a wiring member, which holds both of the first electric wires and the second electric wires, *wherein said wiring member holds the first wire group in a first direction and the second wire group in a second direction which intersects the first direction such that the first wire group intersects the second wire group.*

Applicant submits that the combination of Nakayama in view of Takiguchi fails to reasonably teach or suggest all the features of claim 1. As discussed in the Applicant's Response of July 7, 2005, the Examiner concedes that Nakayama fails to teach a wiring member which holds both of the first electric wires and the second electric wires.

Rather, the Examiner relies on Takiguchi to teach a wiring member. However, Applicant submits that Takiguchi fails to teach or suggest *at least* the wiring member, as claimed, which holds the first wire group in a first direction and the second wire group in a second direction which intersects the first direction such that the first wire group intersects the second wire group. As shown in Figures 3 and 5, the wire holder of Takiguchi holds wires in the same direction, such that a group of wires are arranged along the length of an automotive air duct. *See* Takiguchi at col. 5, lines 1-12.

Thus, even assuming arguendo that the Examiner's asserted motivation to combine Nakayama and Takiguchi is proper, the combination of Nakayama and Takiguchi fails to teach all the limitations of claim 1. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1 is requested. Further, Applicant submits that claims 2-3 and 5-13 are allowable at least by virtue of depending from claim 1, and allowance of claims 2-3 and 5-11 is requested.

With regard to claim 4, Applicant notes that claim 4 is presently amended in independent form to incorporate all the limitations of the previous form of claim 1, without intervening claim 3. However, Applicant submits that claim 4 is allowable at least by virtue of reciting "the second insulative sheet is formed with a plurality of grooves which respectively receive the second electric wires."

New claims

In order to provide for additional claim coverage merited by the scope of the invention, new claims 11-13 are added. As indicated above, claims 11-13 are believed to be allowable at least by virtue of depending from claims 1 and 4, respectively.

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114(c)
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Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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